(d) There has been positive effect of the warnings issued to the Chemists.

(e) to (h) Yes, Sir. Chief Medical Officers (Incharge) of the Dispensaries are monitoring the complaints.

Medical Equipments Lying Idle

7270. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 30th April, 1995 under the caption "Rs. 150 crore worth medical equipment lying idle"; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy this situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Electronics have set up 13 Electro-Medical Maintenance Centres in 12 States to provide repair and maintenance facilities for electro-medical equipments.

Effect of Tinned Food

7271. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tinned food, the consumption of which has been gradually increasing among the children in the country, contains lead which is damaging the health of children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that children are particularly vulnerable to damage on account of lead; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, already prescribe maximum limit of lead in various food articles including tinned-food. The limit prescribed is considered to be safe.

Under-Weight Babies Born in the Country

7272. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of under-weight babies born in the country is 33;

(b) whether it is also a fact that malnutrition during pregnancy due to anaemia and vitamin 'A' deficiency are responsible for this;

(c) if so, whether any comprehansive plan is being drawn to counter this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Maternal undernutrition and anaemia are major causes low birth weight babies. The percentage of under weight babies estimated to be around 33.

(c) and (d) Prophylaxis and treatment of anaemia for pregnant women is being improved under the child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme started in 1992-93. The programme which is being implemented in a phased manner will cover all districts by 1996-97. Programmes releated to birth spacing and supplementary nutrition for pregnant women are also being implemented.

Complaints Against the Incharge, C.G.H.S. Dispensary, R.K. Puram

7273. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 644 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1995 and states:

(a) whether the Incharge of C.G.H.S. dispensary, Sector 12, R.K. Puram, issues medicine authority slips only to VIPs and persons close to him and refuses to issues to same to the general beneficiaries.

(b) how many authority slips were issued to the beneficiaries during this year till date and whether those were essential for them and what are the names of the medicines which were prescribed by the specialists;

(c) whether due to the callousness and inefficiency of the Incharge, C.G.H.S. beneficiaries have to wait for weeks to get the indented medicines;

(d) whether the medicines prescribed by the specialists are substituted further and further repeatedly spoiling the very purpose of the treatment; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken against the Incharge in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 290 Authority Slips were issued from 1.1.1995 to 5.5.1995. The medicines requiring immediate use were issued with the Authority Slips when such medicines were not available in the Dispensary. The medicines issued are indicated below:—

(i) Anti-Rabies Injection
(ii) Skin Ointments
(iii) Eye Drops
(iv) Anti Diabetic Injection
(v) Anti Cancer Drugs
(vi) Hermonal Preparations
(vii) Antibiotics
(viii) Anti Spasmodic and Cardiac Medicines.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Does Not arise.

Supreme Court's direction regarding Mental Hospitals

7274. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the setting up of autonomous bodies for the management of Ranchi, Agra and Gwalior Mental Hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to implement the directions of the apex court?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The respective State Governments have been directed to set up autonomous bodies.

(b) and (c) The management Committee shall have full administrative and financial powers. The Director of the Institute will execute the administrative and financial powers of a State level head of Department. The reports and audited accounts of the Hospitals shall be laid before the respective legislative assemblies.

देश में बाल मृत्यु दर

7275. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:**
श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में इस समय राज्यवार बाल मृत्यु दर कितनी है;

(ख) क्या पिछले कुछ दशकों में इस दर में कोई गिरावट आई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) क्या विश्व की बाल मृत्यु दर की तुलना में भारत में बाल मृत्यु दर अधिक है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या है; और

(च) क्या पिछले कुछ दशकों से देश में नव-युवा माताएं अपने नवजात शिशुओं को अपना स्तनपान नहीं करवा रही हैं, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप पोषण के अभाव से